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New House

Don't like to distract your attention from the five o'clock parade, but there's a new building on the campus. Yes there is. See out there over the tops of those spruce? That little green hutch sidled affectionately alongside one of the main gateposts certainly wasn't there yesterday.

Looks familiar though, doesn't it? Like the Parthenon, only smaller. Or maybe the cathedral and campanile of Florence.

As to why it's crouching out there in the cold, your guess is as good as mine. Maybe the president got impatient about his long-range building plan, or maybe Henery has set up doghouse keeping on the campus. Personally, I suspect the army. At least, Cadet Maher got awfully touchy yesterday when Dr. Woodall leaned out the MISTIC office window, started, stared, and began incredulously, "Is that—?" "No, it isn't," snapped Maher, quick like a rubber band. "No it isn't."

Aw, do you really want to know what it is? Well, you used to buy tickets to football games through that little window in its side, and the air corps is now using it to shelter their campus guards from Minnesota's braw winter weather. Orchids to their perspicuity in delaying its installment until after Halloween.

College Reports To Committee

Inspecting the physical plant and discussing problems of the college Friday, October 29, were Harold H. Henderson, director of the Minnesota Institute of Governmental Research, and Louis C. Dorweiler, Jr., secretary and director of research for the Interim Committee on State Administration. They spent the day to secure first hand information on the institution which will give them a better basis for interpreting the report which the college will submit to the Interim committee.

Mr. Byron D. Murray of the college staff will act as chairman of the committee to prepare the report. Assisting him are Miss Agnes Carlson, Dr. Paul Heaton, Dr. C. P. Lura, and Miss Jennie Owens.

The report will include the history of the institution and a description of the physical plant. Also the current activities, organization and accomplishments will be discussed. It will present a complete picture of the various activities performed by the college and will show the present and future needs of the college.

LURA ATTENDS NEA MEET

Dr. Casper Lura attended a meeting of the Minnesota Core Committee for the National Education Association at the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis.

The meeting was held in order to plan for membership and also to campaign for the Education War and Peace Fund.

November 7 To 13 Education Week Promotes Victory

By ROANE WARING
National Commander, The American Legion
(Reprint from The American Legion Magazine)

The great battles for free government were won in the past through the teaching of patriotism and good citizenship in the schools of our nation. Over the years the schools maintained a program of education for youth which created in them a desire and a will to perpetuate the great gains made in liberty and justice. A desire to fight, even to death, for the preservation of our homes and free institutions was inculcated in the hearts of youth.

The theme, EDUCATION FOR VICTORY, which has been selected for American Education Week, to be celebrated in November, is quite appropriate since our schools are openly challenged today, since education in the United States faces a crisis. The suspicion that the schools in recent years have had much extraneous material introduced in them by social-science extremists, and that the teaching of American history, geography, civics, the sciences, mathematics, vocational-technical trades, and physical fitness has been neglected, has been verified by the educational measurements established and used in this war.

We will enter American Education Week in 1943 with the realization that our schools are facing a grave emergency. This emergency is not insurmountable; it can be overcome. In

Bond Drive Hits New High

Reaching a grand total of \$751.20, the fall quarter campus bond and stamp sale under the supervision of the student commission was concluded this week. The sophomores won the interclass competition by selling \$303.70 in stamps and bonds.

Following the sophomores with a total of \$210.20, the seniors hold second place. The juniors were third with \$127.55 and the freshman in the final week of the drive sold \$115.85.

In carrying on the campaign for sales the sophomores inaugurated "Tag Day" by giving each purchaser of stamps a red flag tag, bond buyers received a large version of this tag. Noreen Wiig, Fargo, was in charge.

Directing the senior sales was Muriel Janzen, Moorhead, class president. Dorothy Jefferson, Moorhead, was in charge of the juniors drive.

MS War Fund Exceeds Quota

Exceeding its quota of \$500, the administration and student body of MTSC contributed \$572.90 to the National War Service Fund. Dr. O. W. Snarr was in charge of the program on the Campus, assisted by Dr. Joseph Kise.

The drive, which is nationwide, solicits money for the military front, home front and United Nations front. The USO and sixteen member agencies are benefited by the program.

In the college the drive was carried on separately by the Administration and the student body. On Monday and Tuesday at a booth set up in the exchange, the YWCA was in charge of receiving student contributions.

College employees were divided into thirteen groups with a leader soliciting within each group. Group leaders are: Miss Matilda Williams, art; Dr. C. P. Lura, Education; Miss Flora Frick, Physical Education; B. D. Murray, Language and Literature; Miss Maude Wenck, Music; Dr. Glenn Dildine, Science; Dr. Joseph Schwendeman, Geography and Mathematics; Dr. Joseph Kise, Social Studies; Miss Jennie Owens, Administration; Mr. Risbrudt, Office; Miss Millie Dahl, Dorm helpers and student center; Mr. E. Bly, Janitors; Mr. Bekkerus, Boiler Room.

fact, I have great faith in the schools of America. I am confident that our schools will return to the teaching of fundamentals in the critical year that is ahead of us.

This means that our schools in 1943-1944, without lowering any standards, will revamp their curricula. Factual history, geography, and civics must be taught, not just merely mentioned in glamorous social, political, and economic-reform courses. Mathematics, the sciences, and vocational-technical training courses must receive new emphasis, and a superior physical fitness program (including pre-induction basic military training for secondary school pupils) must be a compulsory requirement for all pupils. A knowledge of the Constitution of our country, love of country and devotion to its welfare, reasons why our boys are fighting and dying on far-flung battlefields, and an understanding of the freedoms inherent in a republic—these, and kindred democratic ideals and principles, must be included in the teaching in every elementary and high school of America.

The EDUCATION FOR VICTORY program of America Education Week, 1943, should provide curriculum content essential to winning the war, winning the peace, and maintaining all of the fundamental precepts contained in our form of government and basic characters of liberty. Such are the ideals and objectives of The American Legion; to the attainment of these the strength of more than a million Legionnaires is dedicated.

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Chorus To Stage "America Sings"

Directs Choir



Miss Maude Wenck

With the general theme Education For Victory, American Education Week will be observed in convocation November 11 when the forensics group under the direction of Dr. Herold Lillywhite and the choir directed by Miss Maude Wenck will present a program in pageant and song called American Sings, depicting the growth and development of the American spirit. The American Legion will open the exercise with the advancing of the colors.

The choir will be divided into groups presenting songs of different periods from the patriotic marching songs of the Revolutionary war to present day swing. Typical dances will accompany the selections. A running commentary on the development of America through music will be read by Jean Rutkowski, Climax.

Plans are being made to present the program for the cadets on the next campus night.

During American education week daily topics will be published in the Moorhead Daily News and presented over KVOX at 12:00 noon. Dr. C. P. Lura of the college staff will write Monday's editorial on the topic, Education for Work. Dr. Herold Lillywhite of the faculty will cover Education for Wartime Citizenship for Thursday's topic. Other topics to be covered by educators in the community are: Sunday, November 7, Education for World Understanding; Tuesday, November 9, Education for the Air Age; Wednesday, November 10, Education to Win and Secure Peace; Friday, November 12, Meeting the Emergency in Education, and Saturday, November 13, Education for Sound Health.

American Education Week grew out of conditions revealed by World War I. Twenty-five percent of the men examined in the draft were found to be illiterate and 29 percent were physically unfit. A campaign of education appeared to be the only answer. As a result of conferences of the National Education association, the American Legion, and the United States Office of Education, the first American Education Week was observed in 1921. In 1938 the National Congress of Parents and Teachers became the fourth officially national sponsor. The week is observed annually beginning on Sunday of the week which included Armistice Day.

The Western Messenger, publication of the Western Division of the Minnesota Education association for American Education Week, has been sent out through the division to superintendents, city chairmen and classroom teachers. It is published each year under the direction of the publications committee of which Byron D. Murray of the college staff is chairman. Others on the committee are J. A. MacArthur, Miss Ella Emerson, Mrs. Amy Andrews, and Miss Pearl Kapphahn.

Squadron Nine Publishes Guidon

Squadron nine, profiting by the errors of previous squadrons in the compiling of a Guidon, has produced one of the best written and most superbly illustrated editions that the 346th CTD has had the honor and the privilege to acclaim.

Lieutenant Robert Hargrave, acting as major critic and officer in charge of publication, was first to approve of the expert organization of the material by the Editor A/S Jeter S. Oakley, and was similarly impressed by the humorous stories, letters, and the unique dedication and poetry, written by the Associate Editor A/S Alfred R. Petrucci.

The sales of this book have already sky rocketed well past the expectation point. However, members of the 346th CTD can still get a copy, by applying to A/S Roland Nairn, the business manager, or by contacting their flight Lieutenants. Remember—due to shortage of printing materials those who haven't already ordered their two copies, will only be allowed to buy one copy. This Guidon, the best yet, will be off the press November 10.

Club Shows Russian Art

This week and the next the Art club is sponsoring an exhibit obtained from the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. One part of the exhibit is composed of a collection of Russian art, the other deals with the process involved in making colotype prints.

The examples of Russian art date from the Byzantine period down to the present time. Among the collection are two beautiful early Russian icons of the Madonna and Child done in the Byzantine manner. Several of the pictures are done in a photographic and naturalistic manner—included in this collection are "The Departing Soldiers" and "Army Recruits."

Also included is a large colored painting of the "Rialto Bridge" done by Arnold Lakhovsky. These are done in an impressionistic manner. Among the noted modern Russian artists represented is Wassily Kandinsky, whose paintings are done in a decidedly cubist style. He is known for his "Abstract Walk."

The second part of the exhibit features a series of prints and photographs showing the making of colotype prints. Actual photographs of the process and workers are shown. Eleven prints are needed to show the finished product. This is done beautifully with Grant Wood's "Stone City" as an example.

Lura Announces V-12 Qualifier

Both Army, Navy Candidates Eligible

The second qualifying test for the Army Specialized Training program and the Navy College Program V-12 which will be given throughout the country on Tuesday, November 9, will be administered at the college, Dr. C. P. Lura announced today. A pamphlet of general information which contains an admission-identification form may be obtained at his office. This form properly filled out will admit to the test students between the ages of 17 and 21 inclusive who are recent high school graduates or who will be graduated by March 1, 1944. Intent to take the test should be made known immediately to Dr. C. P. Lura in order that the necessary test supplies may be ordered.

The Army Specialized Training program and the Navy College program enable students to continue academic training at government expense following induction into the armed services. Successful completion of the prescribed courses may, following further officer training, lead to a commission in the army or the navy.

Those selected for the army will, after further screening and basic military training, be sent to college. Students chosen for the navy program, after selection by the office of naval officer procurement, will be detailed directly to college. Students who attend college under either of the programs will be under military discipline on active duty in uniform with pay. All expenses, including tuition, food, housing, books, and uniforms will be paid by the army or the navy.

Searle Speaks At Coffee Forum

Dr. R. W. Searle will be guest speaker at Coffee Forum Monday, November 11, at 4:00 o'clock in the Student Lounge.

Dr. Searle is secretary of the Greater New York Federation of Churches. He is also author of several books. His books include, *Contemporary Religious Thought* and *City and Shadows and Author of Liberty*.

Dr. Searle is frequently a guest preacher at the Riverside church in New York. He has been pastor of the Fort Washington Reform church in Albany, New York, and also of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church in New York City.

Dr. Searle is one of the five speakers at the Christian Mission on World Order convention in Moorhead.

A Santa Ana Cadet Writes

A letter to the 346th CTD from one of its recent graduates, A/C Harley A. Schroeder, shows clearly the effect of the training received here in the work being done at Santa Ana.

From his experiences so far at Santa Ana, he says that the post here is conforming pretty close to what is expected and waited at the reclassification center. "It's the military end of it that counts so much out here," he states. "You're graded on every move you make. The squadrons are split up into five academic sections and are graded about 25 times a week on their military bearing, cadence, arm swing, if they have their books in their right hand properly, cutting their corners sharp, walking into the classroom and a hundred other things."

Every night a big retreat is held for two wings. At this time they are judged on nine different points.

A/C Schroeder was appointed cadet colonel of the first wing and was chosen as commander of troops for the Sunday parade. General Yount and General Cousins were there reviewing the troops and Schroeder had the chance to shake hands and have his picture taken with them. He says that getting a bird's eye view of the parade was treat in itself. "It's a magnificent sight to see that many thousand men pass by in parade."

Dr. Kise Speaks At Conference

Dr. Joseph Kise of the college staff department chairman of the American Legion's Americanism commission and former department commander, will make one of the principal speeches at the fall conference of the Minnesota department in St. Paul Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13. He will talk on the increased activities of the Americanism workers resulting from the war and will outline plans for an extended future program.

A banquet Saturday evening in Hotel Lowry is the concluding session of the conference.

Air Force Auditors Inspect 346th Setup

Auditing the army account this week as a basis for a new contract and for any modification or change in the remuneration to the college for services provided, are Charles L. Tangney and William H. Cleland, army air forces auditors from the Chicago area.

As the first contract was based on estimated costs before the program was in operation, there will be revisions where these estimates deviate from the actual costs that are now determined. The contract, which is expected to be completed by next week, will be dated July 1.

Campus Comments

Music In the Lounge

So you're tired of hearing Pistol Packin' Mamma played every noon up in the Student Lounge! Well, maybe some of us like the piece... then probably some of us don't. But, before we start any griping, let's remember that the Lounge was instigated to replace the dorm parlors. Remember how we used to gather around the piano in Comstock while Fritz played and sing until the dinner bell rang? Wonder where we used to get all that sheet music. Ten to one no one ever lost a piece because its most enjoyment was obtained by letting it lie there all day only to be sung just before and after meals.

Our question is this: haven't you some sheet music you would be willing to bring up to the Lounge to simply leave there for your own use and others? Ho leave there until it has been used so much that the pages are torn and the cover dirty—but with a high score of pleasure stacked against it. Bring those pieces that are old to you, but are just familiar enough to a group to make them singable. Make your Lounge a place for song on every day and night of the week. Make it a room where the aircrew students as well as the civilian students can relax to a quartette or other type of barber-shop harmony on Campus Night. We know you have sheet music you've enjoyed very much—if you want more people to sing those songs bring them into the Lounge and lay them on the northeast corner of the piano top.

Still Center, Lounge

About this time it might be appropriate to explain to you what the results of the Name-Your-Center-and-Lounge contest were. A surprising number of you must be satisfied with the present name—in fact, the majority of you must be. Entries were few and definitely on the, shall we say, corny side. The committee of judges looked long and hard for two that might carry with them a suggestion of tradition but the verdict was: "None worthy of consideration."

Wedul Confesses

—By Lt. Vernon Wedul—

About all I was able to do when I visited the campus recently was pop in, greet a few of you, and then pop out again. At that time Tivis asked for a column (as usual) but I promised nothing. However, in an idle moment now and then, and I was just reading last week's MISTIC, one gets the urge to write a few things—just ramblings, you know, but thoughts wander back to those wonderful days at MSTC.

Mildew Hall has a history; Doc Lura could tell you that. It has housed some of the strangest and most interesting characters ever released upon the human race. I might remind the writer of last week's column that Mildew had its initiation some years ago as a barber shop, when two people who lived on the wrong side of the graveyard were captured near our goalposts the night before homecoming.

As for the plunging of fists through the walls, I believe my big brother put the first one there in 1934. He had to spit in his hand to do it. Then later NELS JESSEN of Robbinsdale added another. My brother could patch it up, since he had manual training.

Then came the fatal night that I attempted the maneuver. I let go with a mighty right and, by George, I hit one of the three two-by-fours in the entire building. That was the same night a freshman up in the attic, looking for his winter underwear, plunged through the rafters and let in the winter breeze.

Oh, Mildew has a history all right—too much to be recorded here. In fact Dr. Lillywhite and Dr. Woodall wrote a show about it. Even the play, of course, could not divulge the many secrets which can only be whispered among former inmates on dark nights.

Now, those "characters" of Mildew Hall are dispersed throughout every geography of the world. Rest assured that most of will be back for the first big Homecoming and that every last one will do his part in the "big show".

So much has been written and talked about "what we are fighting for". Well, I think it is pretty simple—The right to earn three square meals a day from a nickle hamburger up to a buck and a half steak—eat it when and with whom you please. The deeper philosophies of living and government can wait until a later date. Besides all the heartache, loneliness and grief, war is a doggone inconvenience.

With everyone working together—working, not talking—and attempting from the bottom up, to understand what's going on, I think we can fix it up. America at peace was a wonderful country. Before long I hope we can enjoy that American peacefulness again, and drink coffee in places where every man is not in uniform.

A great social change will result from this war and its innovations, but the same Ameri-

About the Dragons

Johnson Receives Navy Commission

Visiting the campus Tuesday and Wednesday was Ensign Leonard O. Johnson, who has just completed his midshipman's training at the USNR Midshipmen's school in Chicago, Illinois. He received his commission October 28 and will report to a station on the east coast for active duty.

Phyllis Carlson, ex '40, has announced her engagement to Lt. Dale Wretling. Plans have been made for a November wedding.

Marcia Daniels, student at MS last year, is now in Vancouver, Wash. Her address is 4922 East 10 Street, Vancouver.

Ensign Clarence Bjork finished his training at the Corpus Christi Aviation Radio Material School and was sent for training as instructor to Chicago, then to Norfolk, Virginia where he taught for awhile, then was sent to the Naval Midshipmen School at Columbia University. He now has his commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve, and after short training times in Brooklyn and in Portland, Maine, is now attached to a ship:- address USS Halsey Powell, care of Fleet P. O. New York, N. Y.

While at Columbia he saw Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hundebly, Walter Olson, Howard Erickson, Freeman Fountain and Elroy Utke. He learned that Robert Taylor has a commission in the Marine Corps now. He says he is not surprised any more to meet former MSTC students anywhere and "it looks as though many of them are doing quite all right". He met also Mrs. Arnold Christensen's brother, a Lt. in the Navy. He sends greetings to old friends and would be glad to hear from them.

Constance Sautebin, a 1941 degree graduate and honor student, visited the campus last

Fall Out...

By A/S V. K. Sutherland

When the bugle sounds and it's time to fall out

You can bet that squadron ten is around about.

It's 'pop to' mister, fix that tie
Throw out that chest, your head held high;
And one more thing 'fore you begin
Put twenty wrinkles in that chin.
Now there's the cadet officers
They've learned their drill like vets,
And part of their instruction is
To march the other cadets.

Now this goes on from morn to night
With plenty of gripes, but never a fight.
When others are losing ground,
You can be quite sure that squadron ten is still around.

Squadron Ten Noses Out Army News

The returning furlough wonder, EISEN, reports that a very successful operation saved his tooth, among other things.

Squadron ten is grieved to lose two members by the way of promotion. PARKER and WAKEFIELD by virtue of high qualifications were placed in flight 36 of Squadron nine.

The furious contest between MUELLER and VARGO, as to who can spend the most time in the barracks before formations goes gloriously on.

The history of the Big Ten, synonymous with flight 39 came to an erratic end a fortnite ago. Within its chamber many fateful decisions, discussions, operations and big deals took place. Alas, with the evacuation of room 39 the physical structure of the great faction ceased to be.

The two red-heads of flight 40 that were seen chumming together on the streets of Moorhead and Fargo will soon have to break up their companionship because NELSON has recently received word of a little certain some one that will soon be on her way here. MURPHY looks as if he has lost his best girl. He says he can't get along with women because they can't understand his southern accent.

When the squadron finished moving LT. MacQUESTION was calling "Lights out" from the sidewalk and a voice yelled out, "Just a minute, bud." Wonder who it was—so does Lt. MacQuestion.

Special notice is given to MR. OGIN studying physics the full week-end... MR. HEDESMA dreaming of his little Mexican girl... MR. GROSS all dressed up and returning salutes... MR. ZUMDA eating with only one hand... and MR. NELSON smoking one of his own cigarettes.

In the near future the four boys expect to be free. MR. WHITE, MR. GROSS and MR. WIECZORKOWSKI are now down to thirty-two tours apiece.

Friday, during a short visit home from Iowa where she teaches junior and senior high school mathematics. Her vacation is due to corn-picking rather than potato picking emergency needs.

Lieut. Gordon Hundebly is now stationed in Sioux City, Ia., address 0-865503, A A B 3rd Wea predicting weather. He says he does not know Squad, Sioux City, Ia., where his work is in how long he will be left in his present position but hopes he may be sent over seas. He wishes he might get back to see for himself the changes in MSTC and would like to hear any news about the old friends and the present whereabouts of the men.

hennerly

By Marg Stevens

Nothing is safe, nothing sacred, not even my landlord's boulevard in the thin gray minutes before dawn.

I found Hennery couchant there this morning when I squirted out the door in the direction of my eight o'clock class.

He looked up from the cold baked potato he had been peeling with his teeth.

It was an unpleasantly shopworn object, with a flinty cast to the flesh visible through its lacerated hide.

You are late, remarked Hennery offhand.

Some day somebody is going to mistake you for the MS bus, and you will choke to death trying to swallow the tokens.

Hennery, I said severely, as I took my shoes out of my purse and put them on—Hennery, confine your attention to your breakfast.

This? Hennery gave the potato a vicious cuff.

This is not breakfast.

Breakfast, he continued moodily, is defined in my experience as something edible consumed between the hours of 6 a. m. and 12 noon.

This—with a rueful glance at the nicked and repellent tuber between his paws—is not edible.

Therefore, it is not breakfast.

However, said Hennery, running his tongue suggestively over his incisors as if to test the edge—however, I should be glad to consider eating a little something.

Do not leave me, Human Child, he called

Things To Watch In The World

The biggest world news comes out of Moscow where the conference of Britain, Russia and the U. S. has been pronounced a real success. A great deal of what went on was necessarily secret, since it had to do with immediate war aims and plans. It becomes clear, however, that on major issues the "Big Three" of the allies are in agreement. Several definite and important points of agreement can be announced:

1. No one of the nations will make any separate peace terms with the common enemy. (This should squelch the common and Nazi-inspired rumor that Russia would make a "deal" with Hitler. The only deal Hitler is likely to make with Russia now is surrender.)

2. All nations agree to the necessity of an international league after the war, for the purpose of maintaining peace.

3. No nation, after the war will annex territory of another, or invade another nation without consulting its allies or league members.

The only nation specifically mentioned in the post-war division of national groups was Austria, which was expected to be freed from German dominion in order to allow for self-determination. It was assumed that occupied countries would be released as a matter of course. War criminals were to be returned to the scene of their crimes for trial and punishment.

Thus the shape of the peace terms begins to take form in the hands of the three nations militarily most capable of enforcing their ideas. As if to implement the terms, the Russians have hurled back the Nazi lines to occupy the narrow Pericop isthmus leading to the Crimea, thus trapping an estimated 90,000 Nazi soldiers. In Italy the German lines have been pierced, also, and the allies are making slow gains.

In the South Pacific General MacArthur's offensive contains a sea-borne pincer movement closing on the Japanese islands to the East and West of Bougainville threatens to pinch the Japanese from their last hold on the Solomon Islands. No big campaign has started in Burma, however, though the weather conditions are favorable.

The terms of victory being shaped in Moscow include China but unfortunately, not on equal terms with the three most powerful nations. China should make a fourth by right of size, world importance, and record of honesty. Of all the big nations in the modern world Soviet Russia and China have by far the best record for keeping promises and fair

7 COME 11

By A/S Gardner

Here we go again—

DON MAHER, the mentor of the physics class, does it every time. Last week he had a problem worked out before the fellows even had it copied down. Of course he's too modest to admit it, but he runs a close second to Einstein.

Squadron eleven's quintet won their third victory last week. They defeated the muscle men of the P.T. field, namely squadron nine. The score was 39 to 20. However, we must admit one defeat. It came last Wednesday night. Squadron eight pulled a fast one and came out on the better side of a 39 to 37 victory. They won in an overtime period. Although Squadron eight is in Santa Ana now, squadron eleven wishes to publicly congratulate them. You won a well deserved victory! Maybe we'll meet you again somewhere along in our training.

"SLEEPY" HAFMIESTER woke up just long enough to predict snow followed by small boys on sled in the weather forecasting phase of geography class.

ART HOUGH just can't get away from number 13. Four of the five books that were issued to him end in the number 13, he's thirteenth man on flight 44's roster and he sleeps in room 13. Incidentally, Art, what was the grade you got in your last physics test?

By the way Misters HENDERSON and MATTHEWS, are those two beautiful women still waiting at the American Legion? Or is Fra-a-a-n-k Kuehl left holding the bag.

"CHAPLAIN" HITT has a complaint to make. Too many squadron eleven boys have been coming to him for advice. He claims they are beginning to get under his skin.

Is there any truth to te rumor that "COW-COW BOOGIE" MESSMER has turned down an offer to sing at the Waldorf? He can sing as well as he can play basketball and that is saying plenty.

after me as I receded rapidly down the block. You misinterpret me. I am not that hungry.

Besides, I have used up this month's ration points.

When I looked back he was still lying there with his stomach draped about him in loose folds on the grass like a dismantled circus tent, toying idly with his cold potato.

I think I shall go home through the alley.

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A Good Story Lawson Describes

By Leona Sharbono

This is the story of Shangri-la where the planes came from that bombed Tokyo in April, 1942. It was doubtful for quite a while whether the government would allow the story to be published at all—perhaps not so much because of military secrets but to avoid reprisals by the Japanese upon those parts of China where our aviators landed. But we are told that such reprisals have already been made—as also on some of the Americans who were captured.

Captain Ted Lawson, who piloted the B-25, with the help of his literary co-pilot, Mr. Considine, has done a superb job of narration. It begins with the boy who was working eight hours a night in the Douglas aircraft factory and studying eight hours a day in school. Ellen, now Mrs. Lawson, was the librarian at Los Angeles Junior College and allowed him to sleep in the library.

If there is one achievement difficult for Americans it is secrecy. Tacitus himself would applaud the care with which the project of bombing Tokyo was kept under a number of "brass hats." During training the crews of the sixteen bombers had no notion at all of the plan. When (in Minneapolis) extra gas tanks were put on their planes they thought it might be for Atlantic submarine patrol. When (in Florida) they prac-

Cousins Reports Air Can Be Safe

From a statement by Major General Ralph P. Cousins, commanding general, AAFWFTC, to the personnel of Southwest airways the airways today are much safer than at any other time.

Sensational headlines about air crashes are apt to prove discouraging to you men and women who are working so faithfully on our production lines of fighting flyers.

Actually, the picture painted by these scattered news items, each tragic in itself, is a distorted one. The real news is that production workers in and out of uniform are definitely licking the specter of danger in the air!

Despite the huge and unprecedented increase in the number of men flying and the number of hours they fly, the ratio of domestic military airplane accidents is definitely on the downgrade. In 1942, there were approximately 10 per cent fewer accidents per thousand hours of flying than in the 10-year period of 1930-39—this despite the fact that in 1942 the Army Air Forces flew, in continental United States alone, two billion, one hundred thirty-six million miles. This astronomical figure is roughly equivalent to 10½ round trips to the sun, or more than 80,000 tours around the world.

To bring this record even closer to home: the Army Air Forces Western Flying Training command, stands well in the front ranks of safety proficiency for all units of the Air Forces. The safety record, judged by ratio of both total accidents and fatal accidents, is growing better. Statistics on 1943 to date reveal marked improvement over 1942.

This training center has suffered 22 fatalities among all types of personnel per one hundred million miles flown. Only about half of these were cadet fatalities. In spite of the danger inherent in flying training, with many inexperienced men in speedy planes, remarkable progress is apparent when comparison is made with the safety records of established forms of transportation. Statistics show that our safety mark is almost as high as that of such relatively slow and well-established industries as trucking and passenger rail transportation.

Nevertheless, pride in the safety record is not, and cannot be, a matter of smugness. Never can efforts be delayed to attain perfection. The goal must be the delivery to combat of every flyer, every plane. This goal is not unattainable when it is remembered that accidents don't "happen"; they are caused—in the vast majority of cases—by human error.

Ceaseless effort to attain perfection in every aspect of daily routine will make flying safer. In the words of commander, General Henry H. Arnold, "Pilots, crews and airplanes must be delivered to battle—not left smoldering heaps in cornfields from California to Maine."

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Doolittle Raid

ticed flying under telegraph wires they thought it was just an official concession to their youth and spirits. When (in Texas) they had to learn to take off from a shorter runway than ever before they thought maybe it would be valuable experience in the jungles of Brazil. They even flew under the Bay Bridge near San Francisco and supposed it was only to give a photographer a thrill. Then suddenly they saw the flight deck of the Carrier Hornet.

Captain Jimmy Doolittle had given them some confidential warnings, and they noticed that when any top-rank operations officers happened by he stopped speaking. But one concludes that when both the Norden bombsights and the radio equipment were removed from their planes, the boys felt something special was in the wind. Why were the bombsights removed? "Well," said Doolittle, "some of the ships are bound to fall into the enemy's hands. Besides at the altitude we're going to fly, we won't need them." They didn't. The Niponese government, of course, has earnestly repeated that the raid had no military effect, but the man most of us like to think of is the Japanese railroad engineer who was driving his locomotive along a freight siding and saw an American bomber flying almost on a level with his cab. That toothsome mechanic and many of his fellows must know that it can happen there.

The half-minute actually over Tokyo is, strangely enough, the least melodramatic phase of this lightning record. That is renewed proof of its human accuracy. The longest and bravest and most moving story comes after the ships crashed on the coast of China. Lawson and his crew were rescued by Chinese peasants whose instinctive response was a repeated sound of sympathetic humming "partly mournful, partly incredulous." Undismayed by the certainty of enemy punishment and all the hardship of the journey, they carried the injured to safety. There has not been in the history of these wars so clear a report of Chinese character.

Of the seventy-nine Americans, eleven were captured or killed in the raid, of the sixteen planes, fifteen got as far as China (one landed in Russia). Not one plane was shot down in the raid itself. And as final evidence that this exploit had been methodically plotted, the ships themselves—if they had landed usable—were to be delivered to the Chinese government under lend-lease.

Captain Lawson upon his return to the United States began work that he hoped he might before his entry into the Army Air Forces. Before he became too involved though he wrote this book—one of the most living things to come out of any man's experiences. As you lay it aside you will agree with the Navy flyer (now missing at sea) who said in a letter to his parents, "If our country regard this gallantry with indifference it will be the coldest cruelty the world has ever known."

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X-Mark It

By A/S Mark Hitt

As the old morning bugle call dies away among the hallways we will again try to bring you another story concerning general athletics in squadron eleven—yep—they seem to be improving as each day goes by, everyone except VAN INWEGIN, who just can't seem to get his foot out of that Rochester cement.

This new trophy that is being offered in basketball should make the competition plenty keen. There are some players in the group and that really means some good games. Squadrons nine and ten have fast and smooth running teams. Squadron eleven has a nice clicking team and from the looks of the prospects, squadron twelve is going to come along with a very capable outfit.

I seem to have more trouble than Dick Tracy. I have been so mixed up for the last week that I thought a basketball coach had four wheels. If I turn around, I'm gigged, if I don't, I'm gigged; so I have more tours than the little corporal has gis slips. However, I won't be lonesome for HOVCK, BEARCHT, CORREALE, and a few other fine lads will be right along with me and those fellows would make a party out of a trial in any court—talk about characters.

MR. GOOD, "RABBIT," MATHEWS, KUEHL, KOSTER and the "GIGGER" will meet each Saturday in a local tavern and talk over the next week's proceedings.

The Stacka Racka Hay fraternity finally decided that the balloon will go up Saturday, November 6th, between the hours of 7:30 p. m. and 1:00 a. m. A committee of four are now working diligently and preparing for the launching, so for further information ask your local dealer in T.S. cards.

Mr. Anthony, what I want to see you about is how to end this.—"Is that a fact."—Yes—"Oh, sure." If that's the best you can do, I'll just punch my card and say, you may think that this is the end.

Well it is.

P. S. Does a basket ball coach have four wheels?

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MSTC Five Mark Up Victory Over Squadron Nine Quintet

After being held to 16 points in the first half the Dragon squad let loose a barrage of baskets that netted them 27 points in the last half as they rode rough-shod over Squadron Nine, 43 to 27.

The college never quite got going in the first half as time after time the valiant soldiers scored baskets to keep their team in the game. It wasn't until midway in the third quarter that the Crimson got rolling. Here they deployed a fast break to loosen the zone set up by the cadets.

The cadets set the pace by scoring the first four points, but were matched by the college five to rack up three to take a 6 to 4 lead. Both teams played a slow game in the first quarter with the Dragons maintaining a slight lead. The first half remained sluggish throughout with wild passes and hard luck shooting proving the highlight.

As the third quarter opened up the college "Iron Five" opened up to outscore their opponents 2 to 1. Although enjoying the height advantage, the soldiers could never quite cope with their poponents' speed as time and time again they were left flat footed under the basket.

The last quarter was a repetition of the third as the Crimson virtually couldn't miss.

The soldiers were mainly kept in the game by some sharp shooting from mid-court. They had little chance for set-ups and short shots as the college defensive grew tighter throughout the game.

The Dragons played well as a unit as they outfought their opponents to gain the majority of rebounds and loose balls.

Although the cadets showed aggressiveness they lacked unity and poise as they went down to defeat.

Sports Cast
By Don Nelson

I see where the mighty Squadron 11 went down to a defeat the other night. I guess no one expected Squadron eight to trounce them to the tune of 33 to 31. It only goes to prove that even the so called invincible have an Achilles heel.

Here I'd like to pay a compliment to Squadron eight. To me they proved to be one of the finest squads ever to leave here. As sportsmen they can't be beat. Every man was a soldier and a gentleman. Tierman, Johnston, Anderson and Goldman are only only a few who I'm sure represent the whole class. Let's hope we see a lot more of that type.

I read in an article last week where Squadron 11 challenges all squadrons to a game. Although we are not soldiers, we of the college five hereby challenge Squadron 11 to a game any time and place.

There are a few predictions for this week-end's football games. Ar my over Notre Dame; Penn over Navy, and Purdue over Minnesota.

Of all the basketball teams playing here of late the MSTC five is the only undefeated team having won three out of three. Squadron 11 is next with three out of four, and Squadrons 9, 12, and 10 are next in line.

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Morley Views Small College

As the challenge of wartime conditions becomes more exacting, the small college, that unique American institution, faces disaster declares Dr. Felix Morley, president of Haverford college. He asserts that the present crisis may prove a boon to an educational system which has long been in need of a housecleaning.

The financial problems of many of the small colleges, mostly sectarian, were becoming acute before the war. The army and navy, in selecting colleges for their training program, chose those which were better equipped and located. This meant a strengthening of the strong colleges and a further weakening of the weak.

"In many respects, however, the Federal government is likely to count on the continued assistance of privately endowed colleges after the war," says Dr. Morley, "and indeed after the emergency is over. With widespread approval, the administration is giving strong endorsement to plans for subsidized education of demobilized servicemen, continuing for as much as six years after the termination of the war.

"In addition to educational grants for qualified war veterans, some form of Federal scholarships for especially meritorious high school graduates who could not otherwise afford college is being increasingly advocated."

While the independence of the small college is necessary to its social contribution, this contribution to society must be enlarged to extend beyond a financially exclusive minority states the Post article.

"But while heavy casualties are to be expected, the colleges as an institution will not succumb. The large majority will survive, though chastened and purged of much decoration and smugness which can well be spared," concludes Doctor Morley.—Saturday Evening Post.

Smatterings

By Plain Jane

Now that Jimmey Liles is a a Gam (unofficially), "Lefty" Nairn wants to be a Pi (official). . . Could be, with Pi's Stennes and Tonneson both in there pitching. . . Gwen Snarr's swan dive down the steps of Weld should make head lines . . . her "Jeet" was there waiting.

Seen around . . . "Curls" Nelson, Daphne, Mittag, MS girls in general. . . Dorothy Moore being very sad over her man's departure. . . Melbye spilling army jam all over his shoes and trousers in great quantity. . . Betty Kuehl being joyous and more joyous over Milan's furlough. . . Dutchie Holland anticipating a blind date (NDAC) three weeks in advance. . . Grettum getting letters "on the double" now from two cadets. . . Bernice Olson's Cobber male being too super. . . All of us intending to cheer louder at games hereafter, our cute cheer leaders deserve more support.

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Under Cover Stuff

PENNY SERENADE

At the Gam meeting Wednesday night a new rule was put into effect concerning violations of room rules. Each violation will cost the offender a penny fine. The money from these fines, together with late and unexcused absence fines will be used to purchase war stamps to be put into the album toward the next sorority bond.

Room committees were assigned for the weeks up to Christmas vacation.

Plans were discussed at the next meeting for the initiation of the new faculty members, some of whom will be Mrs. Frye, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Wohlwend, and Mrs. Risbrudt.

BETA CHI'S INITIATE

Misses Helen Wardeberg, Barnesville, and Ruth Ann Rodgers, Poteau, Oklahoma, were formally initiated into the Beta Chi sorority as honorary members on Tuesday, November 2.

Miss Wardeberg is the sixth-grade supervisor at the Campus School and formerly attended MSTC. Miss Rodgers is the college's assistant librarian and is a graduate of Oklahoma College for Women and the University of Illinois Library School.

Marilyn Fraser, Elbow Lake, and Amy Nelson, Hoffman, served lunch.

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Charlotte Newberry, Jamestown, N. D., president, Verna Heston, advisor, Mrs. Harry Kaeding, co-advisor, Margaret Sponheim, Portland, N. D., rushing captain and Mrs. Edgar

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION FEATURES SPEECH

Opportunities in college speech work were presented at today's orientation program for the freshmen.

Jean Rutkowski, Climax, discussed Alpha Psi Omega, national dramatics fraternity, and Leona Mae Sharbono, Mahnomens, told of the national debate fraternity, Tau Kappa Alpha. Dragon Masquers, dramatics club, was explained by Bernardine Tivis, Fargo, and Dr. Herold Lillywhite told of the advanced speech courses being offered at the college.

Sharp, patroness, made up the receiving line at the Psi Delta Kappa traditional rose tea held on Monday, October 25.

Those who poured at the tea were Mesdames N. R. Klooze, J. H. Sandness and J. Schwendeman.

Entertainment was furnished by Dorothy Fobes, soprano, Nancy Eagle, dancer, Alethe Wiger, pianist, and Charlotte Newberry, fortune teller.

PI DOINGS

Pi's held their informal tea in Ingle-side on Wednesday, October 27.

Those in the receiving line were Gwenn Snarr, Moorhead, Mother Witch, Miss Jessie McKeller, advisor, Miss Nina Jorgenson, president of the Pi Mu Phi alums, and Mrs. E. M. Spencer, president of the auxiliary.

Miss Mathilda Williams, Miss Virginia Fitzmaurice and Miss Mary Williamson acted as fortune tellers at the tea.

The program consisted of songs by the sorority, piano selections by Mrs. MacGarrity and duets by Marguerite Anderson and Dorothy Reynolds, Moodhead.

Next Pi meeting will be social with Marguerite Anderson and Dorothy Reynolds serving.

DONNA HOLLAND HEADS MSTC CHEER LEADERS

Though Moorhead State Teacher's college no longer has the complete program of sports it once had, college pep, typified by pretty girl cheerleaders, has not yet died. Six new cheerleaders have been chosen to lead the crowd in yells at the cadet basketball games. They are as follows: Donna Holland, Moorhead, head cheerleader; Marguerite Anderson, Moorhead; Ruth Lavelly, Crookston; Dorothy Reynolds, Moorhead; Daphne Fischer, Ada, and Peggy Trowbridge, Ada, as associates.

Costumes will consist of scarlet satin Dragon jackets worn with white skirts.

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Awards Given Civilian Service

In acknowledgment of faithful and meritorious performance of duty, the Hon. Henry L. Stimson, secretary of war, has directed that service awards be conferred upon eligible civilian employees of the War department throughout the United States.

In the official directive, Secretary Stimson states that "civilian employees of the War department are contributing significantly to the successful prosecution of the war."

Plans are now being made to present the first of these awards to civilian workers with appropriate ceremonies early in December.

The decorations will be lapel ribbons suitable for wear on the coat or dress, and will bear the emblem in colors of the unit issuing the citation. The ribbon is woven in blue and silver colors. Additional strands of braid at each end of the ribbon will be used to denote the two higher awards.

When an employee is presented with more than one of the awards, only the highest will be worn.

The three classes of awards and the basis on which each is to be conferred are:

1. Emblem for civilian service, the basic pattern for all three decorations, will be awarded employees having completed six consecutive months of satisfactory service.

2. Emblem for meritorious civilian service will be granted to employees with 10 years of satisfactory service, with absence for military service counting toward the required service, or to those with records showing outstanding initiative.

3. Emblem for exceptional civilian service will be awarded employees whose developments have improved the general function of the War department or to those who have shown courage in the face of danger while in performance of their duty.

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College Girls Rake MS Lawn

Blisters and backache don't seem to discourage the 15 WAA girls who started on the "fall lawn cleaning" of the MSTC campus last week. Pride in our lawn, however, was not their only motive, for the enterprising WAA's are pooling their wages to help buy a canoe for their organization.

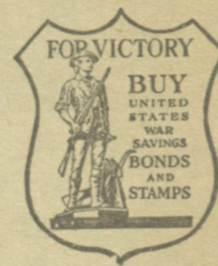
The bushes around the dorms have proven a gold mine of bits of letters discarded by the Air Corps. They might make it harder to clean but at least they break the monotony, according to the girls.

All they want now is just a few more days of warm weather so they can add more to their total of 35 hours.

Snarr Confers With Stewart, Driscoll

Warren H. Stewart of St. Cloud and president of the state teachers college board, and Theodore G. Driscoll, commissioner of the department of administration at St. Paul, were here Monday conferring with Dr. O. W. Snarr and the faculty concerning the college program.

Keen interest was manifested in the army air force program now in operation on the campus. Also they discussed the alterations made to accommodate the program and the functioning of the regular college schedule in cooperation with the army.



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